UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2013-074

Discharge Issued

Character: Under Honorable Conditions (General)

Narrative Reason: Misconduct SPD/RE Code: JKK / RE4

Authority of Discharge: COMDTINST M1900.04D ART 1-B-17

Date of Separation: 2012-05-14

DRB Decision

Character: No Change

Narrative Reason: No Change

SPD/RE Code: No Change / No Change

New Authority: No Change

Discharge Review Board Discussion and Decision:

DISCUSSION:

The applicant was discharged for Misconduct due to Involvement with Drugs.

The applicant's complete Personnel Data Record and Separation Package were available for the Board to review. The applicant tested positive during a unit urinalysis for THC. Pursuant to policy, the command began processing the former member for separation at that time. The applicant was notified of the intent to discharge, and the applicant was advised of his rights to an attorney. The applicant was also offered the opportunity to make a statement.

No defense has been made by the applicant to refute the positive urinalysis result before or after the discharge. The Board finds no issues with propriety or equity in this case. Coast Guard policy prescribes no higher than a General, Under Honorable Conditions character of service for individuals separated as a result of violating the Coast Guard's drug policy. The Coast Guard has zero tolerance for drug abuse. The General, Under Honorable Conditions discharge is equitable.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board members thoroughly reviewed the applicant's record of service and all available documentation. The Board deemed that the applicant's character of service, reason for separation and reenlistment code are appropriate and should not be changed. The applicant has not substantiated any error or inequity.

Propriety: Discharge was proper. Equity: Discharge was equitable.

Final Adjudication by Assistant Commandant For Human Resources: No relief.

Record was received from CGPSC-PSD-mr and includes all documentation that was available after a search of available records in the Coast Guard personnel records system and augmented by Direct Access record data.

In reviewing discharges, the Board presumes regularity in the conduct of governmental affairs unless there is substantial credible evidence (to include evidence submitted by the Applicant) to rebut the presumption.